

- (ii) a promoter, and transcription and translation initiation and termination sequences;

wherein said plasmid is adapted for the expression of human lactoferrin in a eukaryotic cell; and

- (b) culturing said transformed eukaryotic cell in a suitable nutrient medium until human lactoferrin protein is formed, secreted into the nutrient medium, and isolated therefrom.

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 98-113 are pending in the present application.

The presently proposed claims are directed to aspects of Applicant's invention which are believed to correspond or substantially correspond to claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent 5,571,691 issued to Conneely et al. on November 5, 1996. As noted above, the claims are presented pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 135(b).

Applicants will respond fully to the Office Action of September 16, 1997 in a timely response within the statutory period.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite consideration of the subject claims, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650/326-2400.

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